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Man Sentenced for Murdering Girlfriend in Long Beach

A man was sentenced today to 51 years to life in state prison for the slaying of his girlfriend two years ago in Long Beach, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Arthur Jean sentenced 51-year-old Jeffery Lee Dixon, who was convicted last month of second-degree murder. A jury also found true a weapon allegation.

Deputy District Attorney Lee Ashley Cernok said Dixon strangled his 51-year-old girlfriend, Monique Diane Burton, with a belt and electrical cord on April 30, 2012. Dixon then dug a hole in a garage to hide her body, but he was interrupted, the prosecutor said. Her body was later found in his apartment.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.